

# DUCKHORN

## VINEYARDS

### 2017 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON PATZIMARO VINEYARD

Located at the base of Spring Mountain in Napa Valley's St. Helena appellation, Patzimaro Vineyard was named after the town of Patzimaro de Aviña in honor of the Hurtado Family, an essential part of the Duckhorn Vineyards winemaking team who migrated from this small village to the Napa Valley in 1987. The vineyard enjoys high daytime temperatures and cool evenings, allowing the fruit to fully ripen while retaining the natural acidity needed to create balanced, structured Cabernet Sauvignons highlighting classic characteristics of cassis, earth and black olive.

#### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2017 growing season began with abundant winter rains, followed by a warm, dry spring that led to a perfectly timed budbreak. In addition to replenishing the water table, the early season rains produced robust canopies, which provided invaluable shade during a week-long heat event that kicked harvest into gear during the last week of August. This was followed by a much-needed cooldown that allowed the vines to recuperate, while also giving us extra hangtime for flavor development and tannin resolution. We harvested throughout September and into early October, with the grapes showing lovely ripeness and quality, yielding plush, polished and wonderfully complex wines.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

On the nose, alluring aromas of chocolate-covered blueberry, fig, goji berry and anise hint at this wine's complexity, with nuances of sage and lavender adding intrigue. The palate is a study in tension and power, with luscious dark berry layers underscored by sophisticated flavors of marzipan, sage and dried fruits. Throughout, a rich underlying texture and notes of wet slate and boysenberry drive the wine to a long finish showcasing dusty tannins and lingering flavors.

#### WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Napa Valley
VINEYARD	Patzimaro Vineyard
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% estate fruit 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc
OAK PROFILE & AGING	Aged 18 months in 100% French oak 85% new
ALCOHOL	14.5%
pH	3.77
ACIDITY	0.57 g/100 ml



#### DUCKHORN PORTFOLIO



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